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	A Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 to the Office Action dated
✓	A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Applicant(s) qualify for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	An executed Declaration Under Rule 131 (along with an unsigned Declaration for reference) and copies of lab notebook entries which include: (1) pages 77, 78 and 81-83 from the lab notebook of Kurt Olson; and (2) pages 53-100 from the lab notebook of Alfred Cofer.
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